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John,

A few comments by way of clarification. I can't comment on the completeness, leave that to Kerr/Pan.

- 1. Technical issues, point #6. Should end with a question: "Will you evaluate the impact of this on your proposal?"
- 2. Management issues, point #1. Replace the word "believe" with "understand" and then end the point with a question: "Has the SAO indicated an interest in continuing work?"
- 3. Management issues, point #4. First sentence, change "some concern" to "considerable concern". Can you reword the section from "Our recent...received nothing" making the situation more precise? Something like "Our recent experience has not been satisfactory. Following delivery of the first wafer from JPL on yymmdd with our experimental image separating SIS mixers we added money to the contract to procure an additional wafer with better control over resistor values but one with junctions as good as on the initial wafer. At this time we are still waiting for the delivery of this additional wafer; we have received no deliveries for more than 15 months. Furthermore, during this hiatus we added still more funds to secure the fabrication of some test structures and, after a long delay, these funds were returned to us with no work at all being done."
- 4. Schedule issues, point #2. If the following is true let's use words along this line, "According to your proposal, a new hire for Nb fabrication...."

-Bob